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Indianapolis Historic Preservation Commission

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Indianapolis to host 2004 Preservation Conference

IHPC is excited to announce that Indianapolis was selected as the host city for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions 2004 Biennial Forum! Approximately 500 people are expected to attend the Forum, which will be held on July 15-18, 2004 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel at Union Station and the Omni Severin Hotel.

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NACP) is a national non-profit network of more than 2,300 historic district commissions and architectural review boards. Through education, training and advocacy, the NACP helps preservation commissions, staff, and other professionals build strong local historic preservation programs. Every two years, the NACP sponsors an interactive conference where attendees can participate in educational workshops, discussion panels, and field sessions to learn more about key preservation tactics, recent trends, and future challenges.

To be selected as the host city for the 2004 Biennial Forum, an extensive bid was jointly prepared by IHPC staff and the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Association. The bid was submitted in February 2003 and notification was received in March. The NACP Board of Directors selected Indianapolis over other major metropolitan areas, including Portland, Oregon and Tampa, Florida, and indicated that the Indianapolis' level of community support was one of the main reasons for the selection of our city. Many local organizations wrote letters of support, including the following:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Office of the First Lady of Indiana
- Indiana Alliance of Historic District Commissions
- Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana
- Meridian Street Preservation Commission
- Historic Downtown Merchants Association
- Indiana Main Street – Indiana Department of Commerce
- Indianapolis Downtown, Inc.
- Indianapolis City-County Council

In June, two NACP representatives visited Indianapolis to meet with IHPC and tour many of the city's historic neighborhoods. Currently, IHPC and NACP are collaboratively working together to organize the three day conference. If you would like to learn more about the Biennial Forum or participate as a volunteer worker, please contact the IHPC office at (317) 327-4406 or via e-mail at acunning@indygov.org.